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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] An inlet pipe 40 extends through the wall 26 and adjacent to the wall 28 for receiving the polymer gel agent and water from the mixing container 12 (Fig. 1) and introducing the fluid into the interior portion 32. Fluid entry is controlled by mixing container 12. An Inlet valve ~~38~~ 42 is provided for isolating the hydration tank 14 from the mixing container 12. An outlet pipe 46 extends from the interior portion 32 and adjacent to the wall 24 to the exterior of the hydration tank 14 for allowing the discharge of the hydrated well treatment fluid from the hydration tank 14. Fluid exit is controlled by the pump 15. An exit valve 47 is provided for isolating the hydration tank 14 from the blending system 16. Thus, there is a general fluid flow through the interior portion 32 from the inlet pipe 40 to the outlet pipe 46.

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Amendments to the Drawing:

Two proposed changes to the drawings are indicted in red on the attached photocopies of the drawings.